

General Assembly

## Raised Bill No. 174

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LCO No. 1308



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by: (AGE)

## AN ACT CONCERNING FAIRNESS IN MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS FOR HOME-CARE CLIENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (h) of section 17b-342 of the 2014 supplement
- to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
- 3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):
- 4 (h) For purposes of this subsection, "penalty period" has the same
- 5 meaning as provided in section 17b-261q. An individual who is
- 6 otherwise eligible for services pursuant to this section shall, as a
- 7 condition of participation in the program, apply for medical assistance
- 8 benefits pursuant to section 17b-260 when requested to do so by the
- 9 department and shall accept such benefits if determined eligible. The
- 10 Commissioner of Social Services, to the extent permissible under
- 11 federal law, shall provide payments under the medical assistance
- 12 program retroactive to the date an eligible person applied for such
- 13 <u>assistance</u>, provided such applicant has not made a transfer of assets
- 14 for less than fair market value in the sixty months before applying. If
- 15 the applicant has made such a transfer, the commissioner, in
- accordance with 42 USC 1396p(c)(1)(D)(ii), shall start any penalty

- 17 period as of the later of (1) the date of the transfer that resulted in the
- penalty period, or (2) the date an otherwise eligible applicant applied 18
- for medical assistance. 19

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2014	17b-342(h)
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